Ministry of Defence raising serious objections about an American warship "USS Bowditch" spying consistently for several months in 2002-2003 and carrying out unauthorised exercises off the Vishakapatnam coast well inside India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ); and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take against the American warship for this illegal act against international rules?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Constitution of a commission for Ex-servicemen

† 2246. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for constituting a Commission to formulate a comprehensive policy with a view to study and sort out the problems of ex-servicemen; and

(b) if so, the details of steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Crash of MIG and Mirage Jet Fighters

2247. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many MIG and Mirage Jet Fighter Planes have crashed in the last five years;

(b) the number of pilots killed in such mishaps; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and the preventive action taken to avert such mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) A

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